This article shows opposing studies, for and against lowering the drinking age. There is data supporting both sides, however there is a strong argument for lowering the age. It talks about how younger drinking effects drinking later in life and the statistics related to drinking and driving. It also talks about how attending college effects some of the statistics on being alcohol dependent and drunk driving.  
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/01/130122162232.htm>  
Alex Ford   
  
<http://cornellsun.com/blog/2013/09/15/guest-room-rethinking-the-drinking-age/>  
This is an opinion piece from a sophmore at Cornell University and his stance on the drinking age debate. He shares interesting information on the United States's drinking age and how it compares internationally. This is a great article if you want to know how college students feel about the drinking age and how it affects their college experience. Jess Coleman also asks the Cornell president to sign the Amethyst Initiative and bring legitimacy to its cause. -Kenley Wynne  
  
<http://www.nytimes.com/2008/08/22/us/22drinking.html?pagewanted=print&_r=0>  
This article describes the debate between college presidents who are in favor of lowering the drinking age and agencies like MADD who are strongly against lowering the age. Shalia Dewan includes multiple quotes from both sides of the debate that are very helpful in understanding how the drinking age is affecting college campuses and its students. -Kenley Wynne  
  
<http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/alcohol-health/special-populations-co-occurring-disorders/underage-drinking>  
This article focuses on the abuse of alcohol in adulthood that eventually trickles down to effect those children who are susceptible to their disruptive and or dangerous behavior. It also highlights the intense drinking culture within kids undergoing puberty, and as they enter this transitional stage in life they look to alcohol as a solution. -Jackie  
  
<http://www2.potsdam.edu/hansondj/UnderageDrinking.html#.UkL0el_D-Uk>  
This article gives basic details about underage drinking such as The number of women who reported drinking to get drunk more than tripled between 1977 and 1993. This article supports the idea that underage drinking is bad, it also agrees with the drinking age staying at 21 years old.- Chris  
  
[http://www.washingtonaccidentbooks.com/blog/drinking-age-law-history-statistics-accidents-and-the-law/](https://webmail.darienps.org/OWA/redir.aspx?C=e35ae122b0124bda87a496c683da6f44&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.washingtonaccidentbooks.com%2fblog%2fdrinking-age-law-history-statistics-accidents-and-the-law%2f)  
My article is about the history, statistics, and the law of drinking in the United States. The law was changed from 18 to 21 because there were an immense amount of fatal accidents and this was thought to lower that number. As for how else it affects society, the article states “Underage drinking costs Americans taxpayers approximately 61.9 billion dollars annually and in 2000, only 71 million was spent on prevention”. This is an effect that is often overlooked. - Rudy  
  
[http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/09/29/nelson.retain.drinking.age/index.html?iref=allsearch](https://webmail.darienps.org/OWA/redir.aspx?C=e35ae122b0124bda87a496c683da6f44&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.cnn.com%2f2009%2fUS%2f09%2f29%2fnelson.retain.drinking.age%2findex.html%3firef%3dallsearch)  
This article shows how before 1970s before it was declined there wasn’t that many deaths but then when they lowered in in 1970s there were more deaths and alcohol related injuries. It also talks about kinds who are underage do not binge drink as much as kids who are over the drinking age and how if they were to lower the drinking age that rate would just go up. - Jackie R  
  
  
<http://www.wildcat.arizona.edu/article/2013/09/lowering-drinking-age-can-help-promote-safer-habits>  
This article is from the University of Arizona student newspaper talking about how lowering the drinking age can promote safer habits. It says that there is no evidence the national minimum drinking age act or protects the people that it intends to protect. - Nick Saggese  
  
[http://alcoholeffect.org/alcohol-effects/](https://webmail.darienps.org/OWA/redir.aspx?C=e35ae122b0124bda87a496c683da6f44&URL=http%3a%2f%2falcoholeffect.org%2falcohol-effects%2f)  
This article describes some different effects of alcohol and how it damages people physically and mentally as well how it can hurt peoples' social life. Using these examples can help form opinions about drinking excessive amounts as well as underage drinking. - Madison  
  
<http://alcoholicsvictorious.org/faq/impact.html>  
  
This article is interesting because its shows statistics about how the drinking in America is affect the society and how awful the drug could really look. For example it says that 65 people a day die on a highway due to drug driving. This is a crazy high number and it is just scary that it could be any person that you know or you to be effected negatively by alcohol. Courtney Lincoln  
  
[http://www.saintmatthewschurches.com/AlcoholEffects.aspx](https://webmail.darienps.org/OWA/redir.aspx?C=e35ae122b0124bda87a496c683da6f44&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.saintmatthewschurches.com%2fAlcoholEffects.aspx)  
  
The article describes how alcohol can cause depression and physical injury, and also uses statistics to show its relation to crime and drug use- Alex G  
<http://ssdp.org/campaigns/lowering-drinking-age/>  
  
This article is about how the United States has the highest drinking age in the world. “American youth alcohol policy is a perfect example of drug policy with unrealistic expectations and serious unintended consequences,” as high school students have access to alcohol and usage in unsafe environments. This leads to binge drinking. In addition, schools teach “abstinence-only” which isn’t that effective. Another consequence of the low drinking age law is segregation, as establishments can deny entrance to non-legal adults. Lowering the drinking age can prevent these societal flaws. - Mary  
  
<http://alcoholicsvictorious.org/faq/impact.html>  
A factual source that gives facts about the impact on drinking alcohol. It provides information on data about the deaths of people that drink, and how serious it can get to the point of abuse.  
Danielle McIntosh  
  
<http://nodrinkingage.com/>  
-There is a study that shows that students under the age of 21 are drinking more than those who are over the age of 21. Because of the high magnitude of underage drinkers, only some of them will face consequences because not everyone can be caught. When this happens, some people’s futures will be negatively impacted while most others are not even caught. There are dangers associated with alcohol, however, by the age 18, U.S. citizens are already allowed to fight in a war, buy a gun, drive a car, and pilot an airplane, all potentially dangerous things.  
Nick Lombardo  
  
<http://www.cnn.com/2009/US/09/29/nelson.retain.drinking.age/index.html?iref=allsearch>- A commentary about how the drinking age at 21 saves lives and lowering the age will create disastrous consequences. It is very bias against lowering the age and gives examples how it has failed in the past. This article also includes information about the Amethyst Initiative, a group of 150 college presidents who are in favor in lowering the drinking age. -Kenley Wynne  
  
<http://www.nytimes.com/roomfordebate/2012/05/28/do-we-need-to-redefine-adulthood/let-them-drink-at-18-with-a-learners-permit>  
This article comes from the viewpoint of a man who believes the driving age should be at 18. He believes that the drinking age should be 18, just like the ability to vote and drive. However, he also believes that 18 year olds should need a permit to buy alcohol to ensure they are responsible. - Robbie James  
  
<http://www.psychologytoday.com/blog/reading-between-the-headlines/201207/the-pros-and-cons-drinking-18-0> This article is from the perspective of a doctor who examines not only the mental effects of 18 year old drinking, but also the different ages across the world and different effects these laws have on their populations. It also discusses the military age in america and whether or on it is far to limit these adults  
  
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<http://alcoholicsvictorious.org/faq/impact.html>  
I chose this article because it goes over a lot of reasons on how alcohol affects society. One fact is that 1 out of 50 people during the week nights on the road are drunk, and 1 in 10 are drunk driving during the week. This outrageous stat is just one of the ways this article shows the terrible affects of alcohol on society. Another revealing fact is that over ½ of car accidents are caused by drunk drivers, without alcohol a lot more Americans would be safe while driving.-Tommy  
  
<http://www2.potsdam.edu/hansondj/LegalDrinkingAge.html#.UkH2F45c_zI>  
This article focuses on different countries and how old people are when they are able to drink. People end up having less problems over in other countries when they start at young ages because they can learn to control themselves. It also talks about having the drinking age older is actually doing the opposite for our country in keeping people from becoming alcoholics.  
Liz Stile  
  
<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2013/01/130122162232.htm>  
This article mainly focuses on why the drinking age should be the same but also gives some reasoning on why it could be lowered. it also talks about how drinking can affect people and their daily life and society  
Jess Thornbury  
  
<http://www.ncadv.org/files/SubstanceAbuse.pdf>  
My article is about how alcohol can be so destructive and many people use alcohol to cover up their abusive ways with family members. There are so many cases around the country that go overlooked because of alcohol. Too many people over the country and around the world are suffering from abuse or are stuck with abusive habits because of what alcohol does to them. Alcohol is a destructive weapon and in some cases people use it for very wrong reasons.  
Eliza Wisinski  
  
<http://alcoholicsvictorious.org/faq/impact.html>  
I chose this article because it has facts on the impact that alcohol has on our society and the contribution it has towards such things as crimes, accidents, and deaths. It also goes into detail on the fact that it doesn't only direct the person abusing the alcohol. It can effect a family and tear it apart, and it can also harm a pregnant woman's child. Alcohol can end a family or a person's life and sometimes I feel like it goes overlooked.  
Carter